



Bourne Grammar School Weekly Bulletin



31 March – 4 April 2025

Reflection of the Term

Alastair Anderson, Headteacher

And so another term comes to an end, and this one has certainly crescendoed to the final week. The last 7 days have been wonderful.

First of all, *Guys and Dolls* was a fabulous high quality, energetic and creatively devised production. Mrs Pignatiello and Mr Moxley directed it superbly, creating an on-stage product that held the audience spellbound over all 3 nights. Mrs Pickup's choreography was outstanding, allowing students a wide range of dance-driven expression including a wonderful scene of tap dancing. And Mr Tomlinson and Mr Jones produced a band that made a broad and rich sound, the backdrop to all the singing and dancing and acting that went on in front of them for the full 3 hours of the show. I found myself riding on an emotional escalator, moving up and up towards the final scenes until it felt like walking on air – always a sure sign of cast and audience being connected at the highest level and creating that sense of mutual enjoyment and inspiration that only the best performing arts experiences can produce. It was a truly uplifting evening, and all the more so for seeing our young people throw themselves into the show with such passion and skill. Lead roles were performed with aplomb, the wider cast was excellent, our student musicians were a credit to themselves in rising to the challenge of a demanding score, and the backstage crew were everything they needed to be, with nothing (that I could spy anyway!) going awry throughout.







The school is understandably very proud of moments like this, and I know all students involved will have made memories and enhanced friendships. The experience will remain with them all their lives. Well done to everyone involved, to the very many individuals who worked to make the show such a success. The perfect end to a busy term.

And at the end of this final week, we are celebrating our Culture Day, where students wear cultural dress and we recognise the rich diversity of our school and its community. I stood on the gate this morning, wearing cultural dress of my own, welcoming those who arrived looking so proud of what they were wearing, and the atmosphere in school has been tremendous all day. It is so important to celebrate multi culturalism, to bathe in the breadth of human experience that cultural variety promotes, and be confident that our students and our school is the kind of supporting community we wish it to be. I am a very proud Headteacher today – and I hope everyone will end the week similarly delighted at being part of this great school.

And with a very successful Post-18 evening for the Sixth Form, a Year 10 PE residential, a talent show, a fair, a fashion show, a Duke of Edinburgh practice weekend and all the other elements that make up a high quality, successful school ongoing in the last week we have reached the time to rest. For public examination students it will be a period of further work. For everyone else I hope the break is restful, serves to reconnect everyone with family and friends and helps energise us all for the challenges to come. Well done to everyone at BGS for their efforts and their successes over the last six weeks.



House Totals

			
10671	10034	9532	10799

Totals shown are House Points minus Behaviour Points awarded this term.

Charity Easter Egg Collection

Mrs Evans

A BIG Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs to our collection for The Amazon Ward at Peterborough City Hospital.



This year a team of dedicated year 8 students; Bethany Gledhill, Jayzen Jafri, Elena Cox and Isabelle Bradley led the charge and did a wonderful job promoting the collection and gathering eggs from tutor groups.

In total we have collected over 70 eggs which will be very much appreciated by children who will be spending their Easter in hospital.

Careers Week 2025

Mrs Elliot

During March the school held its annual Careers Week to celebrate all things Careers. We were delighted to welcome a number of visitors into school to give insight into their jobs and industries. To start the week, colleagues from Burghley House spoke to year 11 students about the role they played and the opportunities available at the house, including a focus on rural land management and surveying.



Year 10 students then attended a presentation on the wide range of roles in the NHS, talking to students about roles they may never have heard of including medical physicist, operating department practitioner, and occupational therapist.



Year 7 found out about careers in the food industry in workshops run by Bakkavor, learning about allergens and food technical roles (some enjoyed getting dressed up in PPE even including the hair and beard nets!). Anglian Water then spent the day with our Year 8s setting them the challenge of designing and then constructing a water supply system whilst learning about different opportunities

in the water industry. Fortunately, the students were good at meeting the brief so there weren't too many leaks!

Year 9 then had a visit from the University of Sheffield who ran a University Challenge workshop as they found out more about university, both the academic and social aspects, whilst competing to answer a number of challenges.



Thank you to all our visitors who ran such engaging sessions to support our students in finding out more about the world of work and higher education.

Post 18 Launch

This week has seen our year 12 students start to explore their options after they finish school. Whilst many plan to go to university, an increasing number are looking at alternatives including apprenticeships, and research is now well under way.

As part of the programme students have been learning about personal statements – thank you to University of Nottingham for providing an engaging talk on the subject.



We were also delighted to welcome into school five former students; Megan, Sophia, Charlie, Jenny, and Elliott, who spoke eloquently about the paths that they had taken. Some opting for the traditional university experience and others who are now following an apprenticeship route – it certainly sparked some interesting debate about money and holiday entitlement!

House Netball

House Leaders

Wednesday 26 March saw the first day of the annual House Netball and the Year 9 and 10 students certainly started off the week with a bang! Over the course of the week, we had matches from Year 7 through to Year 10 taking place with lots of students getting involved and cheering their peers along for a win for their house. The Year 9 and 10 match on Wednesday saw lots of high-quality netball and finally Meitner took the victory, winning all of their matches. The year 8s came with lots of enthusiasm on Thursday and Tinbergen dominated the courts for the second day. Next up on Friday were the Year 7s who showed a lot of promise and skill with both Rorschach and Meitner being the standout teams, winning all their matches that day.

Overall winners for each year were decided based on the total of wins, with each house scoring 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss. It was an all-round victory for Meitner House, with Behn following with a close second, Tinbergen in third, and Rorschach in fourth.

Many thanks to the Year 12 and Year 13 students and House Captains who volunteered to umpire the matches and all the students for taking part so enthusiastically and trying their best. Congratulations to Meitner House!

Year 12 – Progress Review Meetings (PRM), Thursday 15 May (17:00-20:30)

Mrs Hall

Parents will be given the opportunity to have a virtual Progress Review Meeting with subject teachers to discuss student progress.

You will be able to book up to 10 appointments, each of 6 minutes in duration, and bookings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Information letter, guidance and links on how to book and carry out a video call will follow after the Easter break.

All queries about online booking should be directed by e-mail to Mrs Hall via prm@bourne-grammar.lincs.sch.uk

BBL Champion

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic



Alfie Baggott (7A) is this week's BBL Champion for his efforts when working at home consolidating his History learning.

Dr. Barmby, his teacher, comments that; 'Alfie's engagement with his independent study has resulted in fantastic recall of knowledge across the year and the impressive achievement of 100% in every knowledge test completed so far.'

When I met this impressive young man, I asked what kind of BBL tasks he does at home to help to remember so much historical knowledge, and he answered that he found making flash cards the most useful.

10 Achievement Points go to Alfie – another worthy winner. Well done to all the BBL Champions this Spring Term and Happy Easter.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Mr Hewitt, Deputy Head Academic

All students are encouraged to fully take advantage of the extra help available, aimed at helping you recap prior learning, address gaps in knowledge or catch-up with coursework. While some will be required to attend, the sessions are voluntary and there is no need to book -just turn up. As always, a huge word of gratitude to the teaching staff who give up their free time from January until May to offer this extra support.

	Monday 21.04.25	Tuesday 22.04.25	Wednesday 23.04.25	Thursday 24.04.25	Friday 25.04.25
Subject		Design Engineering	EPR	English	Music (lunchtime)
Room		DE2 – Mr Delport	EPR3 – Mr Tighe	E1- Ms Roberts	Music 1 – Mr Tomlinson
Revision Topic	BANK HOLIDAY	Coursework/NEA catch-up session	Paper 1: The Shi'a Imams (Re-scheduled)	Approaching 7b Paper 2	Coursework Catch-up
Subject	NO SCHOOL	Art	Maths Set 4 - 5 (Lunchtime)	Drama (lunchtime)	
Room		Art 2 - Mrs Welling/Miss Wright	Maths 7 - Mr Andy	Studio – Mr Moxley	
Revision Topic		Externally Set Assignment – exam preparation	Revision Booklets	Comp 3: Scripted Practical	
Subject		French	Maths Set 1 – 3 (lunchtime)	EPR	
Room		MFL3 - Mrs Cowell	Maths 9 - Mr Gillespie	EPR 2 – Ms Atkinson	
Revision Topic		Speaking Exam Practice	Trig graphs and using them to solve equations	4&5 mark questions on Thematic Studies	
Subject		German (lunchtime)			
Room		MFL7 - Ms Currier			
Revision Topic		150 Word Essays			
Subject		History			
Room		H1 - Dr Barmby			
Revision Topic		Edward I – Stokesay Castle			

Students of the Week

Name	Year	Staff	Subject
Amelia Nicholson	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Robert Sandy	7	Mrs Williamson	English
Eloise Thomson	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Matilda Walker	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Fraser Williamson	7	Mr Khumalo	Science
Finley Bate	8	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Jace Gwiti	8	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Jace Gwiti	8	Mr Perez	Science
Kieran James	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Advith Kallepally	8	Mr Hewitt	Geography
Harry Maycock	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Theo Mitchell	8	Mrs Charters	Spanish
Wonu Oluwasanmi	8	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Amberley Keith	8	Dr Pritchard-Murphy	Mathematics
Liam McAllister	8	Mr Dougall	Design Engineering
Suraj Yadravi	8	Mr Edwards	Spanish
Tamsin Bates	9	Miss Patman	Spanish
Aran Camfield	9	Mr Mitchell	Physics
Jess Cummins	9	Miss Hodge	History
Ben Fletcher	9	Mrs Williamson	English
Daud Junaid	9	Mr Andy	Mathematics
Cayden Mackay	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Oli Parrott	9	Ms Jasinska	Spanish
Saffron Steen	9	Mr Walklin	Mathematics
Carlota Verdu	9	Mrs Worrall	Spanish
Faith Harwood	10	Mrs Allen	English
Adeena Sajid	10	Ms Creedon	Spanish
Peter Skinner	10	Dr Barmby	History
Bhavya Woosa	10	Mr Khumalo	Chemistry
Ewan Dragota	11	Ms Kemp	Registration
Ewan Dragota	11	Mrs Williamson	English
Oliver Hallas	11	Mr Williamson-Ward	English
Tanish Patel	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Adelina Zagorodniuc	11	Mrs Cowell	French
Chloe Kirman	13	Miss Patman	Spanish
Marie Siecker	13	Mr Williamson	Media Studies

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Netball- End of Season Report

Miss Bradley

Year 7 End-of-season netball report

On Tuesday 25th March, the Year 7 Netball team played their last game of the season. They went into this with an unbeaten record and so knew that if they won, they would be crowned South Lincolnshire League Champions.

The anticipation was high and, despite sometimes rushing their passes too much with nerves/excitement, the team put on a gritty performance against Spalding Academy coming out 8-1 winners. This means they have started their BGS Netball career with an unbeaten season, winning the league with 15 points, 10 points ahead of 2nd showing unbelievable dominance across longer matches.

In the previous week, the team competed in the District tournament. This comprises of much shorter matches and also includes schools from North Lincolnshire. They played really well, winning 6 of their matches to come 2nd overall. The team learned a lot about the speed of tournament play which will be invaluable experience next year.

My thanks go to the whole squad for their commitment this season – we have been able to field 7A, 7B and 7C teams which is brilliant and the atmosphere at the club is fantastic. I would like to particularly thank Daisy Donovan who has been the most brilliant captain! She has organised the team admirably - and even provides post-game Kit-Kats – a superstar and I know she will do a great job leading them whilst I am on maternity leave next season.

Year 7 team photo:



Emi Wood, Maddie Surtees, Olivia Woollard, Bronte Davé, Martha Saralis, Niki Mishra, Daisy Donovan © and Florence Cooper.

Year 9 End-of-season netball report

Year 9s finished their league campaign with a match against Spalding Academy with an incredibly convincing 31-2 victory to cement 2nd place in the league. A narrow loss to UAH will be motivating for the girls next year to hopefully re-earn their title back!

The team's final match of the season was a friendly against The Peterborough School and what a fantastic contest it was. A scintillating end-to-end game against really competitive opposition, who in particular had an outstanding pair of twins playing at GD and GK. It was a real joy to watch as their coach, because I could see all the progress each individual had made over the year on display and it was by far one of our best performances all season. From superb blocking and intercepts in defence, to the agility and pinpoint passes from the centre court, to a trio of shooters who communicated brilliantly to unlock the robust defence on display – it was a masterclass and led them to come away with a very well-deserved 14-8 victory.

The progress and development of players comes from their sheer hard work and dedication to netball training, and all of them should feel so proud of themselves. My thanks to Darcie Trawford for once again being an unbelievable captain, organising and motivating the team whilst always setting a brilliant example with her matchplay. I know the team will be in good hands next season when I am off on maternity leave!

Year 9 Team photo:



Johnny Hullock, Georgia Summerfield, Josie Thurston, Isla Cummins, Ellie Moore, Bea Amos, Ruby Taylor-Dobson, Emily Wright-Lakin, Darcie Trawford ©, Immy Southwood and Bella Hill.

Sasha Milne

Miss Smith and myself would like to express a huge thank you to Sasha Milne for all of her commitment, hard work and energy at supporting BGS Netball teams during her time here, and particularly as a 6th former. We are going to miss her input hugely – from coaching the younger years every week, to umpiring any game or tournament that we ask of her – it is going to be a huge hole that we know we will struggle to fill. She is a hugely talented coach and umpire and we wish her all the best in her next adventure at university – you are welcome back any time Sasha!

National Hockey Tournament

Miss Bowtell

The Elite Hockey team were in action again last Friday at a National event in Nottingham. 28 teams from across the country were all competing for the national title. We were full of hope and optimism having only lost once in the much harder East round last week. The tournament separated all teams into Leagues and everyone played three other teams nonlocal to themselves in the early rounds. We played teams from Yorkshire, Birmingham, and Nottingham, and had a great time winning the majority and drawing only one.



This placed us up against the mighty Isle of Wight team full of much taller and physical girls. The girls used all the tactics their coaches had been working on with them, in shielding and protecting the ball and they managed to hold them off and score with some wonderful free flowing play. The 'Might of the Wight' came through and it went down to penalty shuffles. This is where a player has 8 seconds to run against the opposite keeper and try to beat them and score. Our fearless and well-rehearsed trio were Elodie Collins, Harriet Templeman, and Sophie

Alliston, who all scored. This put pressure on their opponents who crumbled under the stress. Onwards we marched with the wild screams of joy of Miss Bowtell ringing in their ears. Her celebratory antics had even been picked up on England Instagram making Elodie Collins famous!

The next game was the semifinals, last 4 in the National event. All players were excited, but they knew they had to face their rivals from last week; Herts and Essex, who had an amazing player in their midst. She turned out to be very tricky to control with her 3d lifts and twists and turns but the elite defence of Ella Staff and Georgia Summerfield proved too resilient for her to penetrate.

Player of the game, Jasmine-the-fish Wilkinson, also proved brave and fearsome in her goals, frequently diving and blocking any moves to get near her goal. The game was in the last minute when we had a break away after sucking up endless pressure, was this to be..? Sadly, we just shot wide leading once again to shuffles and, again, the Top Gun trio stood arms wrapped around each other in solidarity- we won or lost as a unit. We scored all of ours again and then came sudden death, something we haven't yet faced. Elodie scored and then came their superstar. Jasmine made the first initial save which flew in the air and time stopped for Miss Bowtell as she was about to celebrate a final position, only for it to be cruelly taken from the team and her by a vicious twist of fate. The ball fell into Jasmine's hand pads and juggled for a minute and then dropped in to her kickers. This meant a penalty flick was given! Such a terrible shame and something which rarely happens after such a fantastic first save! We left feeling that we can play Hockey at a level with the best in the country and with a feeling of wanting to go one step further next year when the Fish will have her day again!



England Junior Players and Mascots were at hand to motivate our already excited year 8 students.